

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A communication system comprising a server device and a plurality of client devices connected through a network and allowing mutual communications among a plurality of users of the respective client devices,

the server device having,

a matching unit which selects a candidate user for ~~participant~~ participation in a chat according to a specified standard, and transmits ~~the~~ information about ~~this~~ said candidate user to a client device; and

a chat processing unit which transmits specified information for starting a chat, when start of a chat is requested by receipt of user identification information specifying whole or part of users selected by the user selecting unit from one client device specifying at least one selected user, to the client device of ~~this~~ each said specified selected user, and the one client device issuing ~~this~~ said request, and

each of the client device having,

a user selecting unit for specifying at least a portion of said plurality of users and generating said user identification information specifying at least one selected user; and

a display unit which displays ~~the~~ a region for chat on the basis of ~~the~~ said specified information when ~~this~~ said specified information for starting a chat is transmitted from the server device.

2. (currently amended): The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the matching unit of the server device selects ~~the~~ a user of another client device, to which the ~~same~~ information has most recently been transmitted that is the same as information that has been transmitted to the one client device most recently is transmitted in the last place, concerning the information transmitted in the last place to each client device, among the users of the client devices ~~of~~ for which a connection currently is established ~~at the present~~.

3. (currently amended): The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the matching unit of the server device selects ~~the~~ a user, which has been preliminarily registered as a user having a specific relation by the users of each client device, among the users of the client devices ~~of for~~ for which a connection currently is established ~~at the present~~.

4. (currently amended): The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the matching unit of the server device ~~arrays or stratifies~~ organizes the selected users according to a specified standard.

5. (currently amended): The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the server device further comprises a validation processing unit which rejects requests of a specific processing, when a specific processing is requested from one client device to another client device, if the user of the one client device has been already registered as having a specific relation by the user of ~~the~~ said another client device.

6. (currently amended): A communication system comprising a server device and a plurality of client devices connected through a network and allowing mutual communications among a plurality of users of ~~the~~ respective client devices,
the server device having,

a matching unit which selects a candidate user ~~for as a destination of for a~~ as a destination of for a transmission of a message having a message content according to a specified standard, and transmits the information about ~~this~~ said candidate user to a client device; and

a message processing unit which transmits the message content ~~of the message~~ to ~~the a~~ client device of each ~~the~~ specified user, when a request for message transmission is ~~requested by~~ specified by ~~specifying a whole or part of users selected by the user selecting unit from generated by one client device, and when the content of~~ and the message content is specified by one client device,
and

each of the client devices ~~device~~ having,

a user selecting unit for specifying at least a portion of said plurality of users as the specified user and generating said request for message transmission; and

an output unit which issues a specified output, when the message content ~~of the message~~

is transmitted from the server device, so that at least a ~~its~~ presence of the message content ~~is~~ may be recognized by ~~the~~ a user of the client device.

7. (currently amended): The communication system according to claim 6, wherein the matching unit of the server device selects ~~the~~ a user of another client device, to which the same information has most recently been transmitted that is the same as information that has been transmitted to the one client device most recently ~~is transmitted in the last place, concerning the information transmitted in the last place to each client device,~~ among the users of the client devices ~~of~~ for which a connection currently is established ~~at the present~~

8. (currently amended): The communication system according to claim 6, wherein the matching unit of the server device selects the user preliminarily registered as having a specific relation by the users of each client device, among the users of the client devices ~~of~~ for which a connection currently is established ~~at the present~~.

9. (currently amended): The communication system according to claim 6, wherein the matching unit of the server device ~~arrays or stratifies~~ organizes the selected users according to a specified standard.

10. (currently amended): The communication system according to claim 6, wherein the server device further comprises a validation processing unit which rejects a request ~~of~~ for a specific processing, when a specific processing is requested from one client device to another client device, if the user of the one client device already has been ~~already~~ registered as having a specific relation by the user of ~~the~~ said another client device.

11. (currently amended): A communication system comprising a server device and a plurality of client devices connected through a network and allowing mutual communications among a plurality of users of ~~the~~ respective client devices,

the server device having,

a profile storing unit which stores first identification information preliminarily given to ~~the~~ a user for identifying ~~the~~ said user in the network, second identification information preliminarily given to ~~the~~ said user for identifying ~~the~~ said user in the communication system, and permit information relating to approval or disapproval of use of ~~the~~ a specific service ~~to~~ by

~~the said user, and~~ being the information stored at least corresponding to the first identification information; and

a validation processing unit which extracts the permit information corresponding to the first identification information from the profile storing unit when the first identification information and second identification information are presented from the client device and a request for use of a specific service is requested presented from the client device, and judges approval or disapproval of a presentation of said specific service to the client device on the basis of ~~this said~~ permit information and the request for use presented from the client device.

12. (currently amended): A communication system comprising a server device and a plurality of client devices connected through a network and allowing mutual communications among a plurality of users of ~~the~~ respective client devices,

the server device having,

a profile storing unit which stores identification information preliminarily given to ~~the~~ a user for identifying the user in the communication system, and an arbitrary handle name of the user corresponding to the identification information, ~~by relating to each other~~; and

an ID converting unit which extracts the handle name corresponding to the identification information from the profile storing unit when the identification information is presented from one client device and use of a specific service relating to another client device is requested, and ~~converts the identification information depending on this~~ into said handle name.

13. (currently amended): A server device connected to plural client devices through a network, for allowing mutual communications among a plurality of users of ~~these~~ respective client devices, the server device comprising:

a matching unit which selects a candidate user for ~~participant~~ participation in a chat according to a specified standard, and transmits ~~the~~ information about ~~this~~ said candidate user to a client device; and

a chat processing unit which transmits specified information for starting a chat, when a request for start of a chat is received from one client device ~~requested by specifying whole or part of selected users selected by the user selecting unit from one client device~~, (1) to the client device of ~~this specified~~ said candidate user, and (2) the one client device issuing ~~this~~ said request.

14. (currently amended): The server device according to claim 13, wherein the matching unit of the server device selects ~~the~~ a user of another client device, to which ~~the same information has most recently been transmitted that is the same as information that has been transmitted to the one client device most recently is transmitted in the last place, concerning the information transmitted in the last place to each client device,~~ among the users of the client devices ~~of~~ for which a connection currently is established ~~at the present~~.

15. (currently amended): The server device according to claim 13, wherein the matching unit selects ~~the~~ a user, which has been preliminarily registered as a user having a specific relation by the users of each client device, among the users of the client devices ~~of~~ for which a connection currently is established ~~at the present~~.

16. (currently amended): The server device according to claim 13, wherein the matching unit ~~arrays or stratifies~~ organizes the selected users according to a specified standard.

17. (currently amended): The server device according to claim 13 further comprising a validation processing unit which rejects request of a specific processing, when a specific processing is requested from one client device to another client device, if the user of the one client device has been already registered as having a specific relation by the user of ~~the~~ said another client device.

18. (currently amended): A server device connected to plural client devices through a network, for allowing mutual communications among a plurality of users of ~~these~~ respective client devices, the server device comprising:

a matching unit which selects a candidate user ~~for~~ as a destination of for a transmission of a message having a message content according to a specified standard, and transmits ~~the~~ information about ~~this~~ said candidate user to a client device; and

a message processing unit which transmits the message content ~~of the message~~ to ~~the~~ a client device of ~~the~~ each specified user, when a request for message transmission is ~~requested by specifying whole or part of users selected by the user selecting unit from one client device, generated and when the message content of the message is specified by one client device.~~

19. (currently amended): The server device according to claim 18, wherein the

matching unit of the server device selects ~~the~~ a user of another client device, to which ~~the same~~ information has most recently been transmitted that is the same as information that has been transmitted to the one client device most recently ~~is transmitted in the last place, concerning the information transmitted in the last place to each client device, among the users of the client devices of~~ for which a connection currently is established ~~at the present~~.

20. (currently amended): The server device according to claim 18, wherein the matching unit selects the user preliminarily registered as having a specific relation by the users of each client device, among the users of the client devices ~~of~~ for which a connection currently is established ~~at the present~~.

21. (currently amended): The server device according to claim 18, wherein the matching unit ~~arrays or stratifies~~ organizes the selected users according to a specified standard.

22. (currently amended): The server device according to claim 18 further comprising a validation processing unit which rejects a request ~~of~~ for a specific processing, when a specific processing is requested from one client device to another client device, if the user of the one client device already has been ~~already~~ registered as having a specific relation by the user of ~~the~~ said another client device.

23. (currently amended): A server device connected to plural client devices through a network, for allowing mutual communications among a plurality of users of ~~these~~ respective client devices, the server device comprising:

a profile storing unit which stores first identification information preliminarily given to ~~the~~ a user for identifying ~~the~~ said user in the network, second identification information preliminarily given to ~~the~~ said user for identifying ~~the~~ said user in the communication system, and permit information relating to approval or disapproval of use of ~~the~~ a specific service ~~to~~ by ~~the~~ said user, and being the information stored at least corresponding to the first identification information; and

a validation processing unit which extracts the permit information corresponding to the first identification information from the profile storing unit when the first identification information and second identification information are presented from the client device and a

request for use of a specific service is requested presented from the client device, and judges approval or disapproval of a presentation of said specific service to the client device on the basis of this said permit information and the request for use presented from the client device.

24. (currently amended): A server device connected to plural client devices through a network, for allowing mutual communications among a plurality of users of these respective client devices, the server device comprising:

a profile storing unit which stores identification information preliminarily given to ~~the a~~ user for identifying ~~the said~~ user in the communication system, and an arbitrary handle name of the user, by relating said identification information and arbitrary handle name being stored with a relationship to each other; and

an ID converting unit which extracts the handle name corresponding to the identification information from the profile storing unit when the identification information is presented from one client device and use of a specific service relating to another client device is requested, and converts the identification information depending on ~~this said~~ handle name.

25. (currently amended): A communication method allowing mutual communications among users of client devices by using plural client devices connected to a server device through a network,

wherein the server device executes,

a matching step ~~of for~~ selecting a candidate user for ~~participant~~ participating in a chat according to a specified standard, and for transmitting the information about ~~this said candidate~~ user to a client device; and

a chat processing step ~~of for~~ transmitting specified information for starting a chat, when a start of a chat is requested by specifying whole or part of users selected by ~~the a~~ user selecting unit from one client device, to the client device of ~~this said~~ specified user, and the one client device issuing ~~this said~~ request, and

wherein the client device executes a display step of displaying the region for chat on the basis of the specified information when this information for starting a chat is transmitted from the server device.

26. (currently amended): A communication method allowing mutual communications among users of client devices by using plural client devices connected to a server device through a network,

wherein the server device executes,

a matching step of selecting a candidate user ~~for~~ as a destination of ~~for~~ a transmission of a message having a message content according to a specified standard, and transmitting the information about ~~this~~ said candidate user to a client device; and

a message processing step ~~for~~ of transmitting the message content of the message to the client device of the specified user, when a request for message transmission is requested by specifying whole or part of users selected by the user selecting unit from generated one client device, and when the content of and the message content is specified by one client device, and

wherein the client device executes;

a user selecting step for specifying at least a portion of said plurality of users and generating said request for message transmission; and

an output step of issuing a specified output, when the message content of the message is transmitted from the server device, so that at least its presence may be recognized by ~~the~~ a user of the client device.

27. (currently amended): A communication method allowing mutual communications among users of client devices by using plural client devices connected to a server device through a network, wherein the server device executes,

a profile storing step of storing first identification information preliminarily given to ~~the~~ a user for identifying ~~the~~ said user in the network, second identification information preliminarily given to ~~the~~ said user for identifying ~~the~~ said user in the communication system, and permit information relating to approval or disapproval of use of ~~the~~ a specific service to the by said user, and being the information stored at least corresponding to the first identification information; and

a validation processing step of extracting the permit information corresponding to the first identification information from the profile storing unit when the first identification information and second identification information are presented from the client device and a request for use of specific a service is requested presented from the client device, and judging

approval or disapproval of a presentation of said specific service to the client device on the basis of this said permit information and the request for use presented from the client device.

28. (currently amended): A communication method allowing mutual communications among users of client devices by using plural client devices connected to a server device through a network, wherein the server device executes,

a profile storing step ~~for~~ of storing identification information preliminarily given to ~~the~~ a user for identifying the user in the communication system, and an arbitrary handle name of the user, ~~by relating~~ said identification information and arbitrary handle name being stored with a relationship to each other; and

an ID converting procedure of extracting the handle name corresponding to the identification information from the profile storing unit when the identification information is presented from one client device and use of specific service relating to another client device is requested, and converting the identification information depending on ~~this~~ said handle name.

29. (currently amended): A computer-readable recording medium recording a program for allowing mutual communications among users of client devices by using plural client devices connected to a server device through a network, wherein the server device executes,

a matching step ~~of~~ for selecting a candidate user for ~~participant~~ participating in a chat according to a specified standard, and for transmitting the information about ~~this~~ said candidate user to a client device; and

a chat processing step ~~of~~ for transmitting specified information for starting a chat, when a start of a chat is requested by specifying whole or part of users selected by ~~the~~ a user selecting unit from one client device, to the client device of ~~this~~ said specified user, and the one client device issuing ~~this~~ said request.

30. (currently amended): A computer-readable recording medium recording a program for allowing mutual communications among users of client devices by using plural client devices connected to a server device through a network, wherein the server device executes,

a matching step of selecting a candidate user ~~for as a destination of~~ for a transmission of a message having a message content according to a specified standard, and transmitting the information about ~~this said candidate~~ user to a client device; and

a message processing step ~~for of~~ transmitting the message content ~~of the message~~ to the client device of the specified user, when a request for message transmission is ~~requested by specifying whole or part of users selected by the user selecting unit from generated one client device,~~ and when the message content ~~of the message~~ is specified by one client device.

31. (currently amended): A computer-readable recording medium recording a program for allowing mutual communications among users of client devices by using plural client devices connected to a server device through a network, wherein the server device executes,

a profile storing step of storing first identification information preliminarily given to ~~the~~ a user for identifying the said user in the network, second identification information preliminarily given to ~~the said~~ user for identifying ~~the said~~ user in the communication system, and permit information relating to approval or disapproval of use of the service ~~to the by said~~ user, and being ~~the~~ information stored at least corresponding to the first identification information; and

a validation processing step of extracting the permit information corresponding to the first identification information from the profile storing unit when the first identification information and second identification information are presented from the client device and a request for use of specific a service is ~~requested~~ presented from the client device, and judging approval or disapproval of a presentation of said specific service to the client device on the basis of ~~this said~~ permit information and the request for use presented from the client device.

32. (currently amended): A computer-readable recording medium recording a program for allowing mutual communications among users of client devices by using plural client devices connected to a server device through a network, wherein the server device executes,

a profile storing step ~~for of~~ storing identification information preliminarily given to ~~the~~ a user for identifying the user in the communication system, and an arbitrary handle name of the user, by relating said identification information and arbitrary handle name being stored with a

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relationship to each other; and

an ID converting procedure of extracting the handle name corresponding to the identification information from the profile storing unit when the identification information is presented from one client device and use of specific service relating to another client device is requested, and converting the identification information depending on ~~this~~ said handle name.